

TAFT IS CONFIDENT OF D. A. R. PEACE

In Address of Welcome He Ex-
presses Belief That Har-
mony Will Prevail.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING

Congratulates Members on Growth
of the Organization.

REMARKS OF MRS. J. W. FOSTER

Former President General Says Pa-
triotic Americans Should Oppose
War—Large Attendance
at Convention.

Hailed as the "greatest ruler of the
greatest nation," President Taft brought
a message of peace to the Daughters of
the American Revolution when he wel-
comed them to Washington at the open-
ing of the twentieth continental con-
gress of the organization today in Con-
tinental Memorial Hall.

"I have no doubt that differences of
opinion will develop in such an organiza-
tion of intelligent women as is yours,"
said the President, "but I am sure that
love and amity will govern you in your
settlement of these differences, and that
the peace which we are endeavoring to
establish throughout the world will pre-
vail here."

Coming on the eve of the annual
election of national officers, with the so-
called administration forces and those of
the insurgents lined up for the contest,
the president's expressed desire for peace
caused a ripple of laughter to sweep over
the great throng of Daughters assembled
in the hall.

The congress was formally opened by
Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, the president
general, and after an invocation by the
Bishop of Washington, President Taft
entered the assembly hall. He was given
an enthusiastic reception by the Daugh-
ters. In introducing the President Mrs.
Scott said:

"The greatest ruler of the greatest
nation on earth has come to honor us to-
day, and will address the greatest body
of women in the world."

Superlatives the Rule.

President Taft, following the introduc-
tion, said:

"Ladies of the Daughters of the Ameri-
can Revolution: I am glad to see you in
such a superlative condition of mind. It
is a manifestation of that spirit, which
you very properly restrain, which has
been handed down to you by your an-
cestors, who founded this country."

"I congratulate you upon your numbers,
showing the growth of your organiza-
tion, and I am glad that you are enter-
ing into a discussion of any of the mat-
ters which will come before you for settle-
ment, because you will maintain a strictly
judicial position."

The President's Remarks.

The address of the President, in full,
was as follows:

"I am glad to see you, as indicated
by the words of your president, in such
a superlative condition of mind. It is a
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Had \$18,000 in Cash.

Up around the mansion the usual group
of adults waited longingly and listlessly
for hours hoping the President might
come out and say something, but he did
not.

Mrs. Taft and a group of friends stood
on the porch, looking on at the morning
watching the children at their annual
egg play.

Hundreds of adults in the grounds also
watched the sight, and it is believed there
was not one among them who is not con-
vinced that the children of Washington
have vindicated the rights of rolling
Easter eggs on the White House grounds,
no matter what party is in power.

Man Fights Off Footpad Who Tried to Get It.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Graham Mur-
tha, dealer in building material, collected
\$18,000 in cash Saturday, and, as the
banks were closed, he took it to his home
in Williamsburg. While waiting for a
Williamburg bridge car today to bring
the money to Manhattan Murtha was
held up by a man whom he saw follow-
ing him Saturday and who demanded his
money.

While scores of persons on the bridge
paved looked on Murtha fought with the
highwayman until a police officer saw him
and the footpad fled and took him to a
station house.

HER WEIGHT FATAL TO TWO.

Man Unable to Lift Heavy Woman
From Railroad Track.

ANNUAL EGG FETE

Host of Happy Children Crowd
White House Lawns.

GUESTS OF PRESIDENT

Mrs. Taft and Friends Watch Gam-
bols From South Portico.

MARINE BAND ADDS TO JOY

Not So Many "Lost" Babies as
Usual and Very Few
"Incidents."

As gallant and as orderly a host of lit-
tle Washingtonians as ever accepted an
invitation of the President enjoyed the
"immemorial custom" to roll eggs on the
White House lawns and knolls today. It
was a happy host, too, with its Fluffy
Ruffless and its Buster Browns and
other browns, big and little. It took
possession of the great green lawns and
in the face of protest and policemen
proceeded to assert its rights.

It rolled eggs, tossed eggs, played base
ball with eggs and finally smashed eggs
far and wide. What cared it for the
twelve big green tubs orderly set in the
grounds labeled "For rubbish." If it
overlooked them, as it frequently did,
it pleaded as an excuse that it "couldn't
read."

Outside the gates the peanut vendors,
the orange men, the indescribable candy
men, all piled their vocations and light-
ened mamma's and papa's pocketbooks.
For the little host was out to assert its
rights. After today was well bidden
him who dares deny them.

False "Lost" Alarms.

The incidents save of joyful, healthy
childhood having its one annual outing
in the White House grounds were few
and far between. Now and then mamma,
forgetting young hopeful as she stopped
a minute to chat with Mrs. This or Mrs.
That, was heard to set up a wail that
Eddie, or Mamie, or Tommie, or Grace
was "lost." But they were not. All of
them hopped up sooner or later and
wondered that mamma had been worried.

The only belligerent incident worthy of
note was that of a young Archibald, with
a Buster Brown cut and costume, and a
tall, particular young man who had
roughly rebuked his brother, Achilles,
an enthusiastic reception by the Daugh-
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President Taft and Japanese Emperor Lauded at Din- ner in Tokio.

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for Ambassador O'Brien and the staff
of the American embassy in celebration
of the recent conclusion of the new Ja-
panese-American commercial treaty.
Forty persons were present, among the
number being Premier Katsura and his
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nent Americans residing here.

In offering a toast to President Taft,
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O'Brien's Tribute to Emperor.

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TWO FATALLY HURT IN FALL.

BOTH CABLES BREAK AND ELEVATOR
DROPS SEVEN STORIES.

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nation, to have snapped apart. The two
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SAFE UNDER UPSET CAR.

Remarkable Escape From Death of
Automobile Party.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 17.—In an
accident which was featured by seem-
ingly miraculous escapes from frightful
deaths, a big touring car, containing Miss
Elma English, Miss Gertrude Guisard
of this city, Joseph Chilton and O. B.
Witt of Knoxville, Tenn., left the Burnes-
ville road, a mile and a quarter from the
city limits yesterday afternoon and
plunged down into a gully, tearing away
a wire fence and posts which skirted the
road, as if a mine were crossing the
buried car. The car was found, on exami-
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Vote-Buying in Kentucky.

Grand Jury Investigating Bribery in
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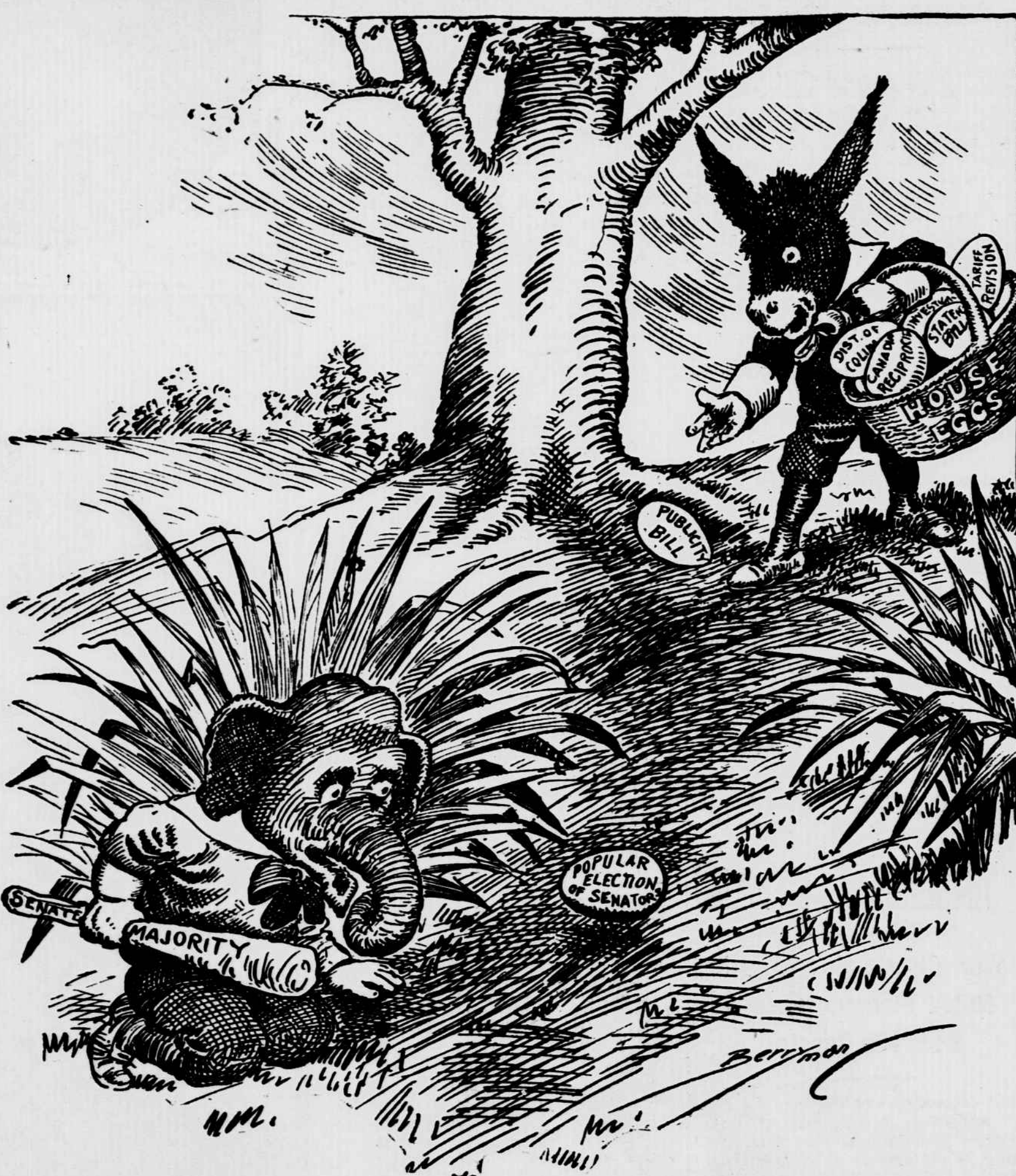
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KILLED BY FANATIC

Lieut. Rodney Slain by Filipino
in Religious Frenzy.

STRUCK DOWN IN STREET

Met by Chance by Man Running
Amuck With Bolo.

OATH TO SLAY CHRISTIANS

Assassin Member of Mohammedan
Sect Sworn to Commit Murder
for Their Faith.

MANILA, April 17.—Lieut. Walter H.
Rodney of the 24 United States Cavalry,
stationed in the Angur barracks in the
Department of Mindanao, was murdered
today by a Moro Juramentado, who
crazed with religious passion, ran amuck
thirsting for the blood of a Christian.

The assassin belongs to the Moham-
medan sect of Juramentados, who have
taken an inviolable oath to shed the
blood of the hated Christians. They know
no fear, believing that the performance
of what they consider a religious duty if
resulting in their own death will be re-
warded with eternal bliss.

Encountered by Chance.

The fanatic was armed with a bolo, and
as he tore through the streets those who
saw him fled in terror. He encountered
Rodney seemingly by chance and struck
him down before the officer could defend
himself.

The Juramentados combine the per-
formance of a religious duty with the
patriotic satisfaction of killing their
Christian enemies. Frequently they are
debarred by the law of the United States
from the task of silencing evil-minded
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DEMURRER'S FILED

Statement of Head of Coated
Paper Company Charged
With Bribery.

Peter G. Thomson of Hamilton, Ohio,
president of the Champion Coated Paper
Company, today filed a demurrer in the
local criminal court to an indictment re-
turned against him last June on a charge
of bribery. The indictment alleges that
Mr. Thomson sent \$100 to Maj. W. P. Zan-
tinger, a post office inspector detailed
to examine paper sent by the Champion
Company to be used in printing post
cards for the government.

Through Attorney Ellis and Donaldson
and C. B. Matthews the defendant claims
that each count of the indictment is bad
in substance. The defense claims that
Maj. Zantinger had no authority or
contract between the company and the
public printer or the public printer;
that the inspector had no authority to
accept any official function in respect
to the contract or with respect to the
paper furnished under it.

The claim is also made that under the
law in force on the day mentioned in the
indictment there was and could be no
question or matter in relation to the
contract between the company and the
public printer or in relation to the paper
furnished thereunder pending before and
by law brought before Maj. Zantinger
in his official capacity. On the date
mentioned, it is claimed, Maj. Zantinger
was not an officer of the United States
nor a person acting for or on behalf
of the United States in any official func-
tion with respect to the contract to furnish
the paper for post cards.

NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH.

Vessel Captain and Wife Leap Into
River to Avoid Explosion.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Capt. John
Pierce and his wife leaped into the East
river last night just in time to escape
probable death by the explosion of 15,000
gallons of gasoline stored in three tanks
on board the gasoline supply boat Texas.
The explosion was caused by a fire which
had originated while Capt. Pierce and
his wife were attending church at City
Island, and they had barely rowed out
to the boat and started to extinguish the
fire when they saw their danger and
leaped. They were picked up by a motor-
boat, little the worse for their ex-
perience, except from fright and the chill
of the water.

The boat broke from its mooring and
with flames shooting 200 feet high drifted
out into Long Island sound, a menace to
shipping and a spectacle to shore resi-
dents. A number of ships anchored in
its path were saved by volunteers who
rowed out and cut their cables.

MAYOR FOR FIFTH TERM.

Carter Harrison to Be Inaugurated
This Evening in Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Carter H. Harri-
son this evening will be inaugurated
mayor for the fifth time without cere-
mony or speeches. Mayor F. A. Busse,
the outgoing republican executive, will
turn over his chair and gavel to his de-
mocratic successor and the meeting of
the city council will proceed.

"I never could see the necessity of
formal ceremonies on an occasion like
this," the mayor-elect said last night.
"I will have no council message and will
deliver no address. We will get down
to business at once and my first official
act will be to name some of the men
who are to fill my cabinet places."

Secretary Fisher Confirmed.

The Senate today confirmed the nomi-
nation of Walter L. Fisher of Illinois, as
Secretary of the Interior.

MEXICANS BATTLE FOR AGUA PRIETA; ARIZONA CITY AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Hail of Shots From Federal Machine Guns Sweeps
the Streets of Douglas, Penetrating School
Houses and Other Buildings.

U. S. Troops at Douglas.

Three troops of United States cav-
alry are now in Douglas, Ariz.;
two additional troops were due to
arrive today, and four troops are
on their way from Des Moines,
Iowa. In all about 550 men will be
garrisoned at Douglas, where de-
partmental headquarters were es-
tablished with the arrival yester-
day of Lieut. Col. Shunk, acting
commander of the Department of
the Colorado.

Col. O'Connor, commanding the
8th Cavalry, now on the way to
Arizona posts from Des Moines,
will outrank Col. Shunk and will
take command of the department
on arrival. He is expected to make
Douglas his headquarters.

Troop K, 1st Cavalry, Capt. Gau-
joir commanding, was the garrison
of Douglas during Thursday's fight-
ing at Agua Prieta. Troop L, 1st
Cavalry, reached Douglas yester-
day morning, and Troop D of the
same regiment came into Douglas
at noon yesterday, according to dis-
patches received from Lieut. Col.
Shunk. Troops I and K, 12th Cav-
alry, are expected to get to Dou-
glas some time today.

An entire squadron, consisting of
four troops of the 8th Cavalry, en-
route from Des Moines, will be sta-
tioned at Douglas. The two other
squadrons of the 8th Cavalry ordered
to Arizona will be stationed at
Nogales and Fort Huachuca.

FIRST ASSAULT REPULSED; DESPERATE COURAGE SHOWN

United States Troops and State Militia
Keep Sightseers Off the Boundary
Line—American Newspaper
Man Shot in the Head.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 17.—At 10:30 a.m. the
firing ceased, with the rebels holding every position
which they occupied at the beginning of the battle.
The rebels began digging new trenches at once.
"Red" Lopez reported the rebel casualties in the
trenches as light.

Firing was resumed at 11 o'clock. The federal
machine guns were still out of commission.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 17.—The long expected attack of the
federal troops on Agua Prieta opened in deadly earnest at 6:30
o'clock this morning. The firing was fast and furious on both sides.
The rattle of musketry was continuous.

The hail of bullets from the federal machine guns fell far within
the confines of the city of Douglas.

Desperate Courage Shown.

It was evident from the outset that the battle was to be de-
cisive. Both sides exhibited desperate courage.

The federals began by massing themselves to the southeast of
the town and moved slowly within rifle range of the rebel position.

The insurgents, facing in three directions, lay low in the
trenches or flat on the open ground. The federals' fire raked
over them and into both Agua Prieta and Douglas.

It was evident from the heavy firing that the casualties on both
sides were destined to be very heavy.

The steel and leaden missiles from the federal guns carried far
over the international line and plowed their way into the buildings
facing along 2d and 3d streets and dug up the ground here and
there over the whole southern end of the city.

The federals, in moving in, had advanced from the camp which
they established yesterday at Sulphur Springs, a water hole fif-
teen miles south of Agua Prieta.

They marched slowly to a point southeast of Agua Prieta with
an evident intention of gaining the border in order to attack the
rebel position along the international line, but before they were able
to gain this coveted position they encountered the rebel cavalry,
which had galloped out to intercept them, and there was a rattle
from the repeating rifles as the two advancing forces came into fir-
ing range. The cavalry dropped back slowly and the federals next
came within range of the deep intrenchments thrown up by the
rebels during Sunday and last night, which were filled with insur-
recto sharpshooters.

U. S. CAVALRYMEN UNDER FIRE

Most of the residents of Douglas re-
mained within doors or sought other
places of safety. Some attempted to gain
vantage points to view the field of bat-
tle.

Notwithstanding strict orders of the
American troops, many rushed to the
international line in order to get a
view of the fighting. They were here
exposed to most imminent danger.

With the firing of the first shot Col.
Shunk ordered out all the American
cavalry available in Douglas. They
were rushed quickly to the border and
took up positions along the line. Many
of these men were exposed to the fire
of the Mexican troops, though there
were no casualties among them during
the early part of the battle.

State Troops Called Out.

Company G of the Arizona National
Guard was also ordered out and took up
a position at the armory to await fur-
ther orders. There were four troops
of cavalry and one mounted in Dou-
glas. This was considered an ample
force to protect the American line.

With the first galling fire from the
rebel intrenchments the federals were
seen to waver momentarily, but the
movement was quickly checked.

For fully fifteen minutes the two
armies held their respective positions
while the deadly battle continued.

Thirty minutes after the battle opened
the rebels were seen to abandon their out-
lying positions and fall back to the
breastworks toward Agua Prieta. The
federal advance was slow and in open
order with almost continuous firing. The
rebels with great stubbornness contended
every inch of the way. While the rebel
riflemen were falling back to the second
row of intrenchments they fought boldly
in the open. They were seen to stop and
take deliberate aim at the advancing
armies held their position after round
after round. The backward movement of the rebels
toward Agua Prieta, however, was
steady. Many had fallen on both sides.

Americans Under Fire.

At 7 o'clock an automobile carrying
United States Marshal Overlook, United
States Secret Service Agent Thompson
and the Associated Press correspondent
passed through the guard line on the
American side to the international line.
The hail of bullets at this moment drove
the party to the shelter of the United
States custom house, but the building was
in direct line with the heavy firing from
the southeast.

One bullet struck the automobile. Others
dug up the ground on all sides and there
was a continuous whizz of the leaden
missiles overhead. It was considered too
dangerous a post, and the observer party
retired across the line to 4th street.
Suddenly, and for some unexplained
reason, the federal machine guns were
halted. The rifle fire, however, kept up
without intermission. It was apparent
that the rebel sharpshooters were con-
centrating fire on the machine gun op-
erators and were slowly picking them off.
Time and time again the guns appeared
to be unmanned.

At 7:45 o'clock an hour and a quarter
after the battle opened, the machine guns
were again in action, and were raking
the rebel position on two sides.

Red Cross on Field.

The Red Cross volunteers crossed the
border and went upon the field at this
hour. Dr. Shine of Bisbee was chief
surgeon of the volunteers. Every sur-
geon in Douglas and many from Bisbee
were being brought to the line to attend
the wounded. Women and girls express
their willingness to act as nurses. It was
certain that the list of killed and wound-
ed would be very heavy.

The fire from the rebel trenches was
having its effect on the right wing of
the federal force and these nationals
were driven back. In falling back, how-
ever, they swung around to the east and
north far enough to come into contact
with the rebels lying in the trenches
which had been dug to prevent a left-
flank movement.

Here a heavy body of rebels was pos-
ted to prevent the federals from reach-
ing the international line. As the fire belched
from these intrenchments the rebel bullets
swept across the line into the southeast
section of Douglas and into two school
buildings.

As the federals fell back the rebel com-
mander-in-chief pushed forward his men
and, with others coming up to support
them, continued to engage the retreating
federal right wing.

The firing grew fainter as the fed-
erals retired on this quarter.

First Attack a Failure.

Following this movement the fire
slackened to the southeast, and it be-
came apparent that the first attack of
the federals had been a failure. As
far as could be learned, the federals
had about 1,500 men engaged, including
200 cavalry, under Commander Bar-
ron, chief of the rurales in Sonora. The
rebels showed remarkable organization
throughout the battle.

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A great throng gathered at 5th street,
500 yards from the international line, in-
cluding the American army. The Ameri-
can patrol forced back all persons except
those carrying passes.

Twenty men were detailed to take the
field on the Mexican side of the line for